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Finnish-Soviet Relations

The annexed despatch is an excellent review of post-war Finnish-Soviet relations.

The introduction reviews Soviet objectives in Finland. The Soviets have been successful on only two out of ten points. To date no progress has been registered in the Sovietization of Finland.

The conclusion lists an impressive series of cases in which the Soviet Union has refrained from action which might have been taken to hasten the accomplishment of various of its objectives and has instead deferred to firm Finnish resistance. The kernel of the conclusion seems to be that the Soviet Union, regarding its essential security interest as covered by the present situation, and feeling that Finland will eventually have to "come around", is content to leave the "integration" of Finland low on its priority list, giving greater urgency and attention to more vital and more favorable areas.

If you have time, I think you will find the introduction, pp. 1 and 2, and the conclusions, beginning on p. 12 worth reading.

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